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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
PAOLO CHIESI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATIONS DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/726,546 :  
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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING AN EFFERVESCENT  
ACID-BASE COUPLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this response.

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